

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 18-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-7 and 18-23 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of *Rasmussen et al.*, United States patent number 6,739,687 (hereinafter *Rasmussen*). Applicant is submitting a terminal disclaimer, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, with this Response. The obviousness-type double patenting rejection over *Rasmussen* is moot in light of the foregoing terminal disclaimer.

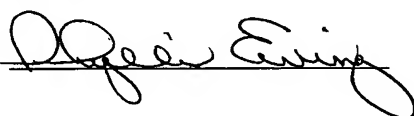
In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that the claims be passed to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10012527-2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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